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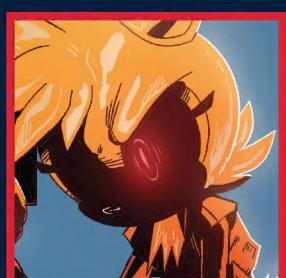
STORY SO FAR

Not so long ago, Dr. Eggman went missing. After plenty of searching, Sonic the Hedgehog and his friends found the doctor, living a new life, with a new name, and no memory of his past. They left him to his peaceful existence to deal with another threat, having no idea that they weren't the only ones searching for him.

Dr. Starline, Dr. Eggman's would-be apprentice, found him and restored him to his evil self. And together they unleashed something disastrous. Dr. Eggman's Metal Virus is capable of infecting living organic matter and turning it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to his command. Countless victims have been infected, including Sonic himself, and many of his allies.

The zombots have ousted the Restoration from their Headquarters. They have brought down the facilities Tails would need to manufacture a cure. The virus has evolved so they no longer respond to Dr. Eggman's commands. With Tangle the Lemur and her hometown of Spiral Hill Village having fallen, there is no where left to hide. Sonic, what's left of the Restoration forces, and as many uninfected as they can carry are retreating to Angel Island in hopes of a last refuge.

And Dr. Starline has developed a plan to control the zombots. But he'll need Sonic and Dr. Eggman's old enemies, the Deadly Six, to do it...



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.

MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.

CREAM THE RABBIT

Gentle Heroine.
Still in shock.

**ESPIO THE CHAMELEON**

Ninja and Only Detective.
Chaotix Detective Agency.

WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Variable-wispon master.

AMY ROSE

Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration Organizer.

**GEMERL**

Reformed Robot.
Cream's protector.

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

Guardian of the Master Emerald.
Angel Island's protector.

DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Eggman Empire.

**DR. STARLINE**

Aspiring Villain.
Eggman Empire.

METAL SONIC

Loyal Minion.
Eggman Empire.

DEADLY SIX

Other-worldly Adversaries.
Zavok, Zor, Zeena, Zomom, Zazz, and Master Zik.

ANGEL
ISLAND.

A FLYING PARADISE HIDDEN
IN THE CLOUDS, KEPT
ALOFT BY THE POWER OF
THE MASTER EMERALD.

ITS LOCATION IS
SECRET TO ALL BUT A
SELECT FEW, INCLUDING
ITS SOLE RESIDENT...

...KNUCKLES.

THAT
LOOKS
LIKE...

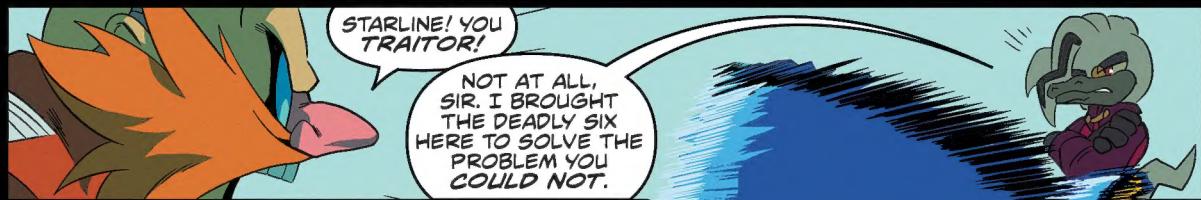
...A
RESTORATION
SHUTTLE?

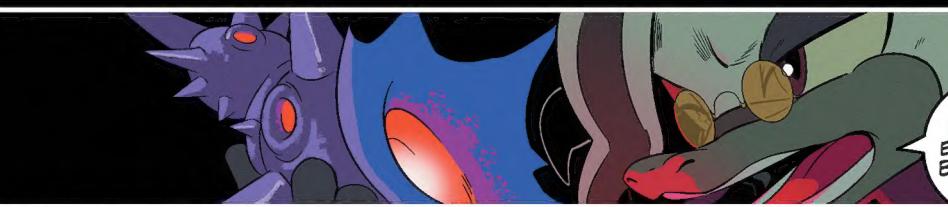
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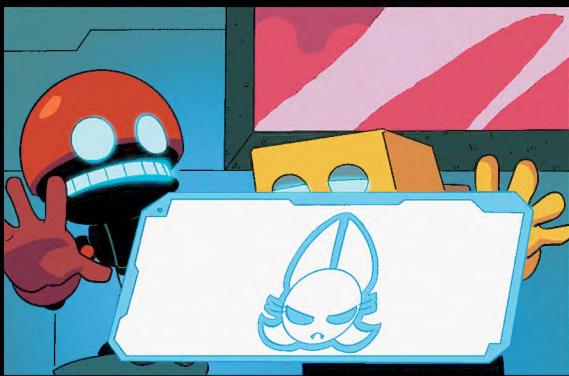
MEANWHILE—ABOARD
EGGMAN'S FLAGSHIP,
THE FACESHIP...





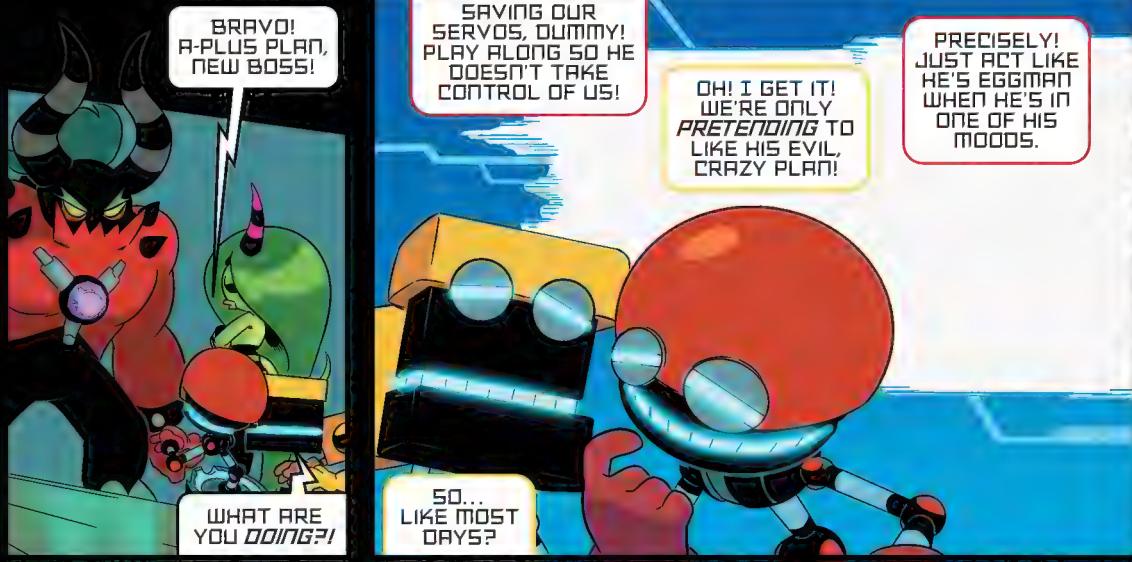
YOU SIX WILL KEEP THE ZOMBOTS UNDER CONTROL WHILE EGGMAN RESEARCHES A BETTER WAY TO CONTAIN THE METAL VIRUS.











VERY WELL THEN. LET'S BEGIN.

ALONE, EACH OF US COULD COMMAND A FEW DOZEN ZOMBOTS AT MOST.

EMPOWERED BY THE EMERALDS, WE'LL COMMAND THOUSANDS.

"STARLINE HAD THE RIGHT OF IT. WE WILL COMMAND THE ZOMBOT HORDE.

"INSTEAD OF RANDOM, SHAMBLING MASSES, WE WILL ORCHESTRATE TIDES OF TERROR ACROSS THE WORLD.

"WE WILL BRING TOTAL, UTER DEVASTATION TO THE WORLD EGGMAN AND SONIC HAVE FOUGHT OVER FOR SO LONG."

ONCE EVERY LIVING THING HAS BEEN INFECTED, AND NEITHER EGGMAN NOR SONIC HAS ANYWHERE LEFT TO RUN, THEN WE WILL GIVE THEM THE MERCY OF A SLOW END..."

...BY THE CORRUPTED MASSES THEY SOUGHT TO CONQUER OR PROTECT!

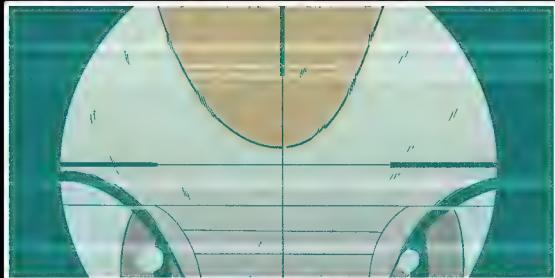
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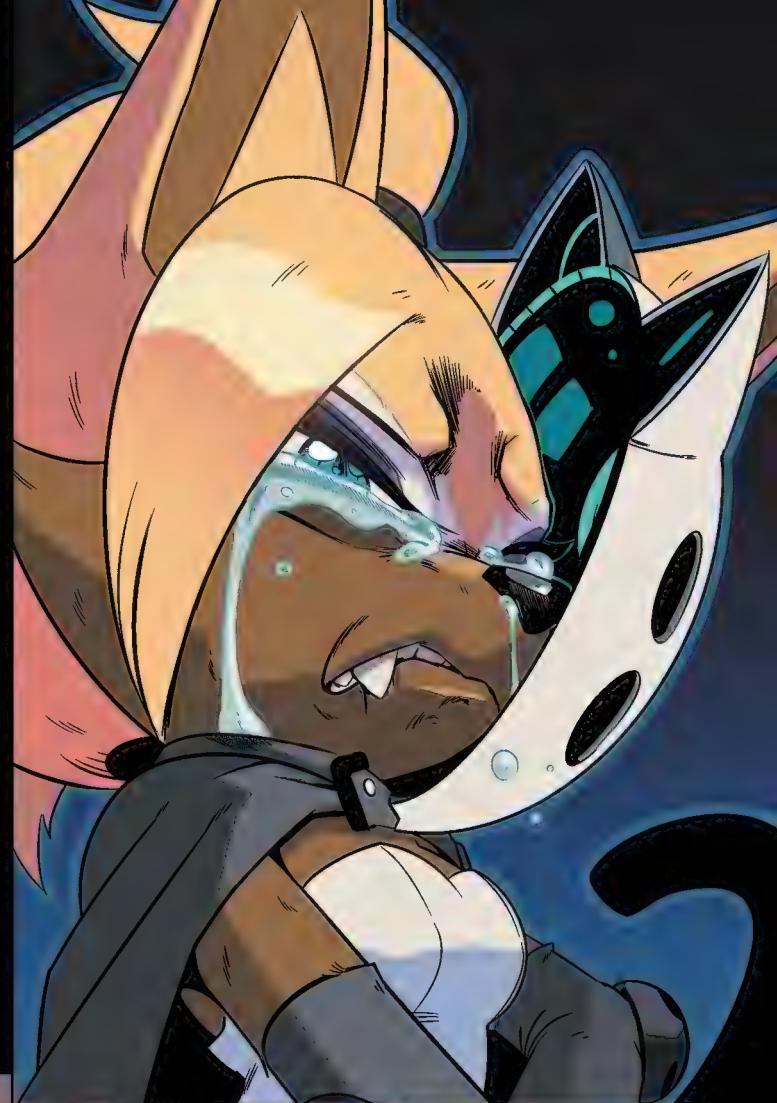


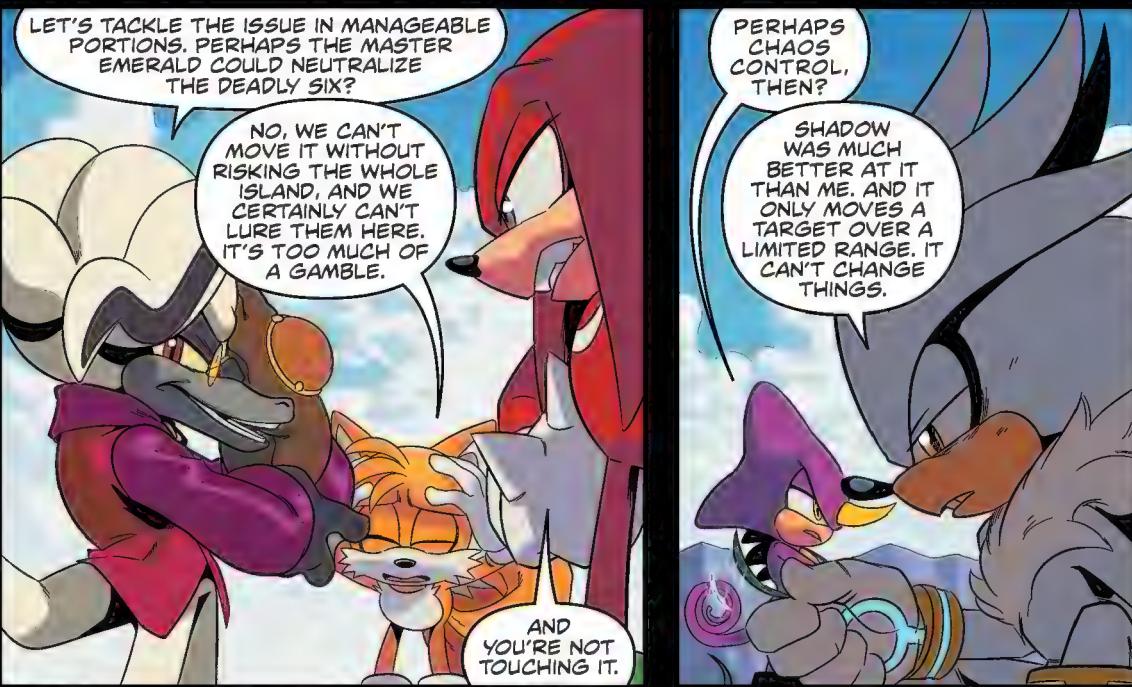
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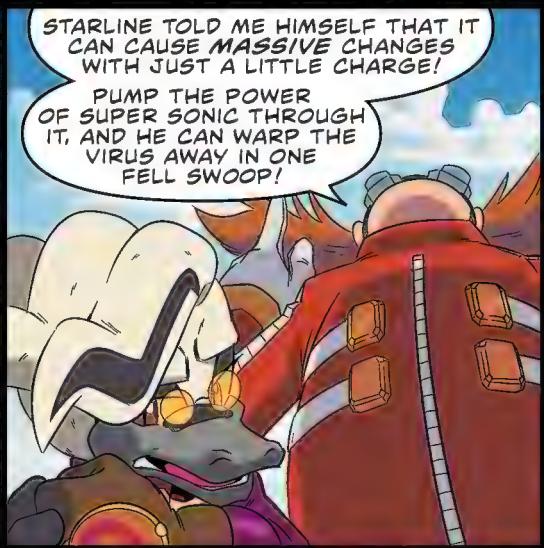














SUPER SONIC USING THE WARP TOPAZ RECKLESSLY COULD UNDO THE METAL VIRUS--OR IT COULD WARP SPACE-TIME SO BADLY THE ENTIRE PLANET COLLAPSES!

WE HAVE A SAFE HAVEN HERE! WE HAVE RESOURCES! WE CAN PUT IN THE WORK AND FIND A SAFE, RESPONSIBLE WAY TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION!

THE RODENT IS LIVING ON BORROWED TIME! THIS PLACE WON'T BE SAFE FOR MUCH LONGER!

WE CAN STILL WIN!

AND I'LL TAKE ANY RISK TO ENSURE THOSE BLASTED ZETI DON'T USE MY OWN GENIUS AGAINST ME! WE DON'T HAVE ANY BETTER OPTION!

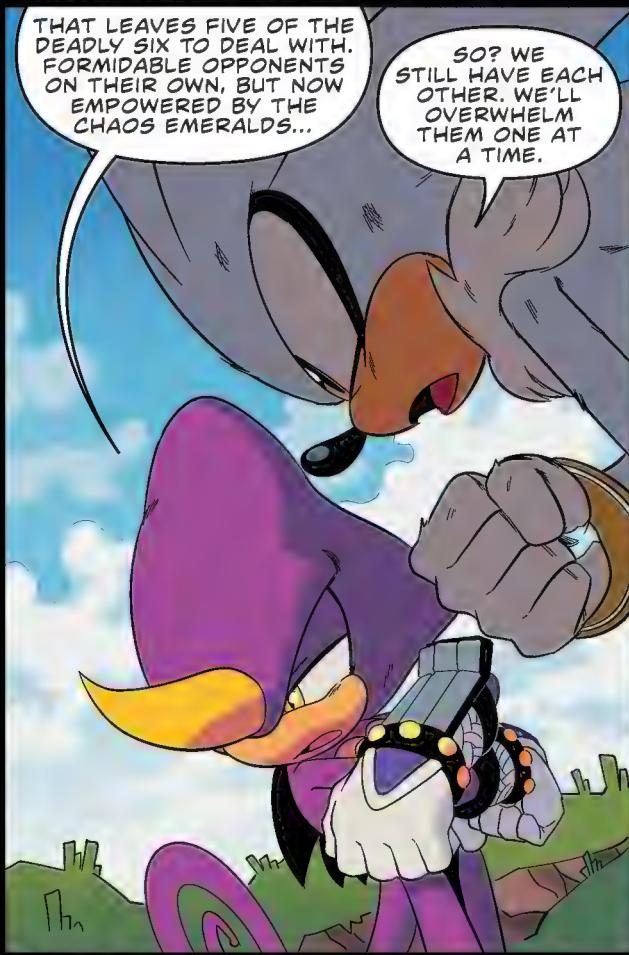
WE'RE ENDING THIS!

NO.

I'LL FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED. YOU CAN THANK ME LATER.













ORCHARDVILLE.

NOTHING
ELSE QUITE
PLEASSES ME AS
AN UNANSWERED
MERCY PLEA

THE CRYING,
SCREAMING,
FRANTIC WAILS
AS ALL LIGHT OF
HOPE FLICKERS
AND FAILS.

OOOH... A
HEROIC FINAL
STAND? HOW
POINTLESS.

GATHER 'ROUND THEM,
TAKE THE CHILDREN AWAY,
HE WILL WATCH, THEY
ALL SHALL PAY.

SUNSET CITY.

UGH--THIS
IS ALL THIS
TOWN HAS TO
OFFER? IT WAS
A WASTELAND
BEFORE I EVEN
GOT HERE.

YOU. WHY ISN'T
THE SHOPPING
HERE ANY
BETTER?

I... UM...
NOTHING CAN
SUIT SOMEONE
AS RADIANT
AS YOU?

MMM--GOOD
ANSWER! I'LL
SPARE YOU FOR
ANOTHER HOUR.
AS FOR THE
REST OF
YOU...?

PRAISE
ZEEENA!

WINTERBURG.

FORWARD,
MY MINIONS!
LET NO HEARTBEAT
GO UNNOTICED!
LET NO WARM
BREATH BE
UNPUNISHED!

THE INVASION
GOES WELL,
ZAVOK. I CAN
SEE THE VIRUS
SPREADING
THROUGH THE
FORESTS BEYOND.
I DARE SAY THIS
CONTINENT WILL
BE FULLY
CONVERTED IN A
FEW DAYS.

PROFICIENCY
I COULD ONLY
EXPECT FROM
YOU, MASTER.

IS THERE
MORE YOU
CAN BE DOING?

I ASSURE
YOU, I AM NOT
RESTING ON MY
LAURELS, MASTER.
I WILL SEE TO IT
WE'VE INFECTED
EVERYTHING FROM
COAST TO COAST
BY TONIGHT...

"...TOMORROW--
THE WORLD!"

**NEXT TIME:
RETALIATION!**

SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! The world?! Zavok's gone mad with power... Sonic and crew will have to find a cure quick if they don't want to be zombots! Thank you for joining **Ian Flynn, Adam Bryce Thomas, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee** in "A Sudden Shift". Now, before Zavok takes over the world, check out this awesome comic by Sonic fan **JT Foster!**





For now, thanks for joining us, Squad! Don't forget to send your art and letters to:

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And make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the **IDW Sonic Comics Squad** on Facebook! Next issue, the Babylon Rogues are on their way to help Sonic, Amy, and the gang save the day in "All or Nothing".



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SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE.

C'MON
EVERYONE!
IT'S A
GORGEOUS
DAY!

RACE YA
AROUND THE
VILLAGE!
ANYONE!
EVERYONE!





LATER—JEWEL'S
MINERAL MUSEUM.

HOW'S
YOUR
HEAD?

NOT AS
SORE AS MY
PRIDE. AMBUSHED
BY A STATIONARY
OBJECT. HOW
EMBARRASSING
IS THAT?

TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN
FRONT OF A STREET LAMP.
CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO
GET YOU.

HA HA
OW HA
HA

SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING
ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN...
PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN
BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS
LATELY.

LITERALLY
AND FIGURA-
TIVELY.

I'M
SORRY FOR
BEING A PEST,
IT'S JUST...

...AFTER
EVERYTHING I'VE
DONE WITH SONIC,
THINGS ARE SO
BORING HERE!

I FOUGHT
ROBOT INVASIONS!
FLYING BATTLE
SHIPS!

I MET A
FIERY PRINCESS
FROM ANOTHER
DIMENSION!

I PULLED
THE WINGS OFF
A GIANT ROBO-
DRAGON!







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